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ALMA

The centennial issues of the Western Jesuit have won praise and appreciation from subscribers. Each issue features a different phase of the Society's history. Copies of the January and February issues are still available for prospective members of the Jesuit Seminary Aid Association.

Fr. Jerome Sullivan has been appointed editor of the Western Jesuit.

For Fr. Sullivan's final vows a special memorial was composed by members of the first year, with an elegant Latin inscription written by Mr. Ballesteros.

Fr. Auvil is at Providence Hospital.

Silvester Andriano, head of Catholic Action in the Archdiocese, addressed the theologians on Catholic Action and the Colleges.

Fr. Peter Dunne spoke on the modern attitude of historians towards Catholicism, exemplified with his experiences at the historians' convention at Washington, D. C.

Through the donation of Mrs. Von der Ahe, three davenports were purchased for the scholastics' recreation room.

The fire-fighting organization has been set on a new basis and new equipment has been installed. The chief of the near-by State Fire Station estimates that the tanks produce a 100-pd. pressure at the nozzle.

Until the new road through Los Gatos Canyon is completed, Los Gatos will supply Mass for the Notre Dames at Saratoga.

In less than six years, the library has acquired some 20,000 volumes. Carefully and economically selected to satisfy the demands of Catholic theology and controversy, the library has assisted several of Ours studying for doctorates at the secular universities. Among recent acquisitions are Corpus Scriptorum Orientalium, a critical edition of the Fathers and ecclesiastical writers who wrote in languages other than Greek and Latin; Liber Pontificalis, edited by Duchesne, a fundamental and useful work.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

At the Regional Conference of the NCEA at Marylhurst College, Portland, Fr. Connolly read a paper on "Freshmen Placement Tests and Sectioning in Religion."

Fr. Rector attended a dinner, given by Archbishop Cantwell at his home in honor of Dr. Sproul.

Fr. L. Malone addressed the K. of C. quarterly meeting in Pasadena.

Maurice "Clipper" Smith has been engaged as head football coach, with Vincent McNally as his assistant.

As a result of the visit of Major Adler of the U. S. A. Air Corps, 10 students will take physical examinations to qualify for the corps. Another Loyola student completed his preliminary training and moved to Pensacola where he rejoined two other successful classmates.

Eight hundred and fifty rose trees, gift of Mr. Beahm, have been planted about the campus. A Farmwell Tractor for the use of Brother Pereira, has been received from Mr. E. A. Hunter.

Due to the generosity of Larry and Joe McNeil, the old garage near collapse from wood-rot has been repaired, and an addition built for extra service.

Fr. Spearman, having taken over the work of the Apostleship of Prayer in the whole Archdiocese, is beginning active visits to parish schools to explain the Apostleship and enroll students. The Archbishop is anxious to have essay contests for which he will award prizes. The first will be an Easter contest on "The Promises of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque."

The 2nd semester began Feb. 12 with approximately the same number of students enrolled as in the 1st semester.

Count Thorne-Rider completed by a substantial donation the permanent day-scholarship which he started some

years ago. He also donated a sum for an award for the best essay on "The Influence of Italian Culture." Last year's winning essay was printed in the U.S.F. Quarterly.

A lecturer for the ASCAP spoke to the student body about a nationwide contest for original musical dramas. Enthusiasm was evidenced, and several groups are well advanced with their compositions.

Bill Raefel, a student interested in dramatics, produced a Morality Play in February in the Loyola High School auditorium. Theatre critics were loud in their praise.

Fr. Rector attended the Conference on Higher Education, held in San Francisco. The Conference recommended to all 4-year colleges that the degree "Associate in Arts" be granted on the successful completion of sophomore year.

Fr. L. Malone gave the students' retreat at Mt. St. Mary's College.

In February a joint meeting of the executive committees of the Passionist and Jesuit Retreat Associations was held at the Passionist Retreat House. Fr. Eugene, Passionist Provincial, Fr. Isidore and Fr. L. Malone spoke on furthering laymen's retreats in the diocese.

About 80 students attend the Evening School lectures on ethics, psychology and sociology, given by Frs. Casassa, Maginnis and Falvey.

LOYOLA HIGH

The flu was very general at the school in January. On Feb. 1, over 300 boys were absent; the school was closed next day.

It was expected that at the close of February four Jesuit Missionaries who left Los Angeles for Patna, Jan. 4, on the President Taft, would arrive at the Mission. There were some 4 or 5 of Ours in that Mission 20 years ago; now they number nearly 100.

The two New York Missionaries giving missions in and about Los Angeles, reside at Loyola High, when not on duty.

Fr. Joseph Murphy, former Provincial of the New York Province, is staying at Loyola High.

The prayers of the prayers of the students seem to have saved the life of Joe Wirebaugh of 3C. His appendix broke, peritonitis set in. He was too weak and the fever too high for an operation. Now at home, he is on the way to recovery.

LOS GATOS

Carrara marble statues of St. Joseph and St. Stanislaus, gifts to the Novitiate, arrived from Rome last month. St. Joseph of heroic size, has been placed in the niche in the garden formerly occupied by the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. St. Stanislaus is in the cloister at the Novices' end of the garden.

Brother Hackett pronounced his vows on Feb. 2.

After several days at O'Connor's for medical observation, when nothing serious was found, Brother Newport returned home.

A new hot-house built of material from a hot-house torn down at Alma has been put behind the cloister.

Fr. Vaughan told the Novices and Juniors of his stay in Rome.

Feb. 1. Bro. Bernard Brannon entered as a Scholastic Novice. He attended Bellarmine during the first semester. Three Coadjutor Postulants came in February.

Fr. Moore reports 48 new subscribers to "Jesuit Missions" as a result of his appeal to the Juniors and Novices.

The Oaks Sanitarium, occasionally visited from the Novitiate, has become a farm. Its furnishings were sold at auction, the sanitarium closed in January.

SAN FRANCISCO

Fathers Kavanagh and Harney are given the Wednesday and Sunday Lenten courses. At the last two Masses on Sundays Fr. Feely is giving a series of talks on marriage.

St. Augustine is the subject of a new stained glass window donated to the church by the family of Mr. Berti, a professor in the college.

Fr. Cody preached the Forty Hourse at St. Ignatius.

Several volumes, many considered quite rare, have been donated to the Law Library.

Daily Mass is offered during Lent in the University Chapel. Stations of the Cross are held each Friday during the noon period in the high school chapel.

Graduates of the 1940 class will receive a new type of diploma. Besides the change of style, the Latin wording will be revived.

A new club, the U.S.F. Club, has been formed to give encouragement and support to the athletic teams of the school.

In the January issue of "Sons of Italy," an Eastern magazine, the Uni-

versity of San Francisco and Father Anthony Maraschi, its founder, were the subject of a lengthy article.

The dramatic class presented a 3-act play, "The First Lady," dealing with affairs at the national capital. It was one of the best acted and best received plays of the University.

The high school stamp club is one of the teams which appear each Sunday on a philatelic quiz program at one of the local broadcasting stations.

During the month Fr. Ray Butler, Messrs. Rock and Selhorst, and Brother Johnson, were among the several members of the community who spent time in the hospital.

Fr. Malaise is putting out the 2nd edition of "Know Yourself."

The chaplains of S. F. Hospital report 3300 communions to the sick, 1635 last sacraments, 3861 confessions, 59 infant baptisms, 182 adult baptisms, 51 prepared for first communion. An excellent record!

SANTA CLARA

Student Communions for the 1st semester totaled 7,932.

As a part of the Lenten observance, Statoins of the Cross are held twice on Fridays, in the morning for the day students, in the evening for the boarders.

Four lectures of the Catala Club Spring Series have been given, two by Father Corbett on "Dewey, the Philosopher," and "Dewey, the Educator"; and two by Father Fagothey on "Plato: Poet and Philosopher" and "Plato: Philosopher and Educator."

To complete the files of reliable newspapers, copies of the "New York Times" from 1912 to the present time, are being added to the Varsi Library collection. The 200 volumes of the "London Times" recently acquired, cover the period from 1850 to 1912.

Sixteen hundred volumes, including contemporary books, periodicals and a 184-volume set of Decartes' works, have been rebound by A. J. Couterier in the year that he has been employed in Varsi Library.

The Stephen M. White, Freshman debating organiation, has joined with debating societies of colleges from the bay area for a series of radio debates in the KROW studio, Oakland. Thus far non-decision debates with the University of San Francisco and Stanford University have been held. The debates are broadcast each Saturday at 5 p. m., and the series continues to the end of April. A wide variety of topics is provided by international and national questions and aspects of college life.

The 21st Chapter of the Alumni Association was organized in January at Redding, representing an alumni group of 40 in the Central-Northern California section.

"Brother Orchid," a modern comedy, will be presented by the Clay M. Greene Players on April 4 and 5; and Shakespeare's "Henry IV" on April 24 and 25.

On Feb. 4, during study period, campus buildings with the exception of Kenna Hall and the Law Library, were along with the town of Santa Clara subjected to a "blackout" for twenty minutes. A swaying acacia had downed the power lines.

Buckell MacGurria, noted painter and University alumnus, recently completed a fresco of the Madonna and Child, his gift toward the reconstruction of the San Gabriel Mission near Los Angeles. His works have been exhibited throughout the United States and in Paris. He writes to Father Joseph Crowley: "During the last year or two I have been directing my own efforts, insofar as circumstances permit, toward the creation of Sacred Art. I feel that it is a wonderful, extremely important field, and one which has been sadly neglected, particularly in this country where there is no good religious art to my knowledge. It seems to me to be highly regrettable. The power of painting and sculpture to convey a message directly to the onlooker certainly has not diminished since the great days of art, when the Church utilized it to produce the finest things that have ever been done. What is particularly saddening to me is the fact that the Church in this country, which has no fund of old works of art of good quality, has been largely content with filling the churches with bad copies of indifferent, generally mediocre masters, or else utilizing plaster statues and chromos produced by wholesale houses on a strictly commercial basis without any regard for the artist's quality."

BELLARMINE PREP

A Catholic Press Week was held in the San Jose Public Library in February, with a display of the Catholic books in the library and a series of cultural lectures each evening. Though the daily paper credited the affair to the N.C.C.W., it was arranged by Fr. Kelly and the Bellarmine Sodality. The addresses were given by a prominent physician, by Professor Lynd of Stanford, Professor Beilharz and Father Shipsey of Santa Clara. The librarians prepared and distributed a 16-page

brochure of Catholic books in the library.

On the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 35 new members were received into the Sodality at a Solemn High Mass.

At the request of Msgr. Maher, pastor at St. Patrick's, Father Rice is giving a Wednesday Lenten Course with subjects from the Spiritual Exercises. On Sunday nights Father preaches at St. Clare's.

The novena for Our Lady of Lourdes was given by Father Kelly at Holy Family Church.

The debating society directed by Mr. Gilligan debated Notre Dame High before a large group. The girls were awarded the decision.

The Literature Committee prepared an exhibit of over 500 Catholic magazines and papers in connection with Catholic Press Month. The corridors and a parlor were covered with the varicolored publications.

The Physics Academy under the direction of Mr. Spohn has been affiliated with the American Institute of Science and Engineering. The members, advanced students, have constructed an electric refrigerator and are working on other projects.

VARIA

The new addition at Los Altos was completed early in February, and put to use at once when 60 men made a retreat.

Tre Ore

Fr. Provincial, Bl. Sacrament.
Fr. Healy, Santa Clara.
Fr. C. O'Sullivan, St. Ignatius.
Fr. Vaughan, St. Joseph's, San Jose.

Judge Deasy, of the Superior Court of California, addressed a gathering of 50 men at a Sodality breakfast in St. Mary's Hall, San Jose. He spoke on the fireside and the home as being fundamental in Catholic Action.

Fr. Jerome Sullivan is preaching Wednesday nights in Lent at St. Mary's, San Jose.

During the Forty Hours the rectory at Santa Barbara was robbed of $400. On account of Lincoln's Birthday the Sunday collection was not banked, and on Tuesday it was stolen. Fr. Conlon's room was forced open, Fr. Bassett's and the Superior's rooms were entered and robbed. The collection was in Brother's room. Bro. T. O'Brien, none too well, had to go to the hospital as a result of the misfortune.

In tertianship Fr. Kern was seriously ill for quite some time. Fear was entertained for his life. He is well on the way to recovery.

Fr. Bradstreet took his Last Vows during examination week at the Catholic University. He had an examination on the very day of the Vows.

Fr. Werts writes that he met at Weston, Fr. James McLaughlin who taught with him at Loyola University. A class of seven is making a biennium in preaching at Weston.

Word comes from France that on Christmas Day all the Bishops made a vow to build a splendid basilica at Lourdes to Our Lady of Peace, when victory will have come to France. That day they consecrated France and the army to Our Lady of Lourdes.

In February, Fr. Laherty addressed 100 Seniors and Juniors of the Los Gatos High. The Vice Principal presided at the forum, and the Principal attended in the audience. A quiz of some 15 minutes with questions from the student body closed the meeting.

Fr. Wilfrid Crowley is giving the Wednesday Lenten Course at St. Joseph's, San Jose; Fr. Marine, the Sunday Course.

Fr. Vaughan gave a talk at St. Joseph's, on the Holy Father.

Fr. Bergamo gave an Italian Mission at St. Clare's in February. Fr. Porto will give one to the Portuguese.

Fr. Vaughan gives a novena in honor of St. Joseph, at St. Joseph's Church, Spokane, on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the parish.

Fr. Vaughan will give a Mission at Santa Barbara in March.

Fr. George Dunne writes that Dr. MacNair, one of his professors and a friend, also head of the Far Eastern History Department, University of Chicago, gave him a manuscript by a professor at the University of California, on (Pre-Suppression) Jesuits in China. Fr. Dunne has censored the book which gives a rather unsavory picture of the Jesuits. The book is not intentionally unfair. During the Rites Controversy the religious and secular clergy accused the Society of many crimes. A non-Catholic author reading through this immense literature of vituperation, even allowing for exaggeration, must think a considerable portion of the charges true. Fr. Dunne did not attack the orders in our defense. He called attention to numerous unquestionable errors of fact, and tried to show how the various charges against the Jesuits were due to a few fundamental errors of interpretation, errors which due to circumstances may be excused in the opponents of those days, but which may not be so easily excused in the modern historian.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES

Fr. Coony's mother.